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In re Application of

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For: VISCERAL FAT DETERMINING DEVICE

Our Docket : ACO 301

Commissioner for Patents

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments. The amendments to the specification are made to correct clerical errors. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, applicants have provided a separate marked-up version of the amended claims showing the changes relative to the previous version of those claims (attached).

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 31, lines 13-18, with the following amended paragraph.

--In step S5 shown in Fig. 3, VA is assumed to correlate only with the patient's WHR, the coefficients a_1 and c_1 are derived on this assumption, and VA is calculated with these coefficients and WHR. In calculating the estimated VA, alternatively to the formula (1), one of the following formulae (2) through (7) may be utilized:--